

## Claims

- [c1] A method for associating metadata with a document having a metadata storage device comprising:  
 initializing a pointing instrument;  
 recognizing a metadata mode;  
 sending metadata data to a processor;  
 receiving metadata from the processor; and  
 storing the metadata in the metadata storage device.
- [c2] The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
 receiving a process metadata command,  
 wherein the pointing instrument is a digital pen.
- [c3] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata data is pen stroke data captured from a predefined area of the document.
- [c4] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata storage device is an rf-id tag.
- [c5] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata data is pen stroke data captured from all pen strokes made on the document.
- [c6] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata data is pen stroke data captured from a first subset of all pen strokes made on the document.
- [c7] The method of claim 2 wherein the metadata includes biometric data.
- [c8] The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
 storing an e-copy of the document strokes to the metadata storage device.